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JUAN CARLOS BLANCO, FOREIGN MINISTER OF URUGUAY

1. THERE IS NO SPECIAL NEED FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER DR. JUAN CARLOS BLANCO. ON APRIL 6, 1973, THEY MET AT THE DEPARTMENT TO SIGN THE NEW EXTRADITION TREATY WITH URUGUAY AND FOR BILATERAL TALKS. SHOULD THEY MEET, HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY WILL RECALL THAT DR. BLANCO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND NO INTERPRETER IS NECESSARY. FURTHER, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

2. COURTESY POINTS - WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY:

-- RECALL THE APRIL 6 MEETING AND THANK BLANCO FOR THE SINCERE WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND UNDERSTANDING
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THAT HE EXPRESSED AS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

-- COMPLIMENT HIM ON THE GOOD SPEECH THAT HE MADE AT THE OASGA MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL 1973, AND ON HIS CONTINUING INTEREST IN SEEKING WAYS TO MAKE PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OAS.

3. DR. BLANCO WAS BORN IN MONTEVIDEO ON JUNE 9, 1934. ON APRIL 9, 1971, HE WAS APPOINTED SUBSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS. ON OCTOBER 31, 1972, BLANCO WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, REPLACING DR. JOSE MORA OTERA. WE HAVE FOUND BLANCO TO BE RECEPTIVE TO U. S. VIEWS AND SENSITIVE TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. HE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH OUR EMBASSY ON A WIDE RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. HIS LEGAL BACKGROUND MADE HIM PARTICULARLY HELPFUL DURING OUR RECENT EXTRADITION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND IN SUPPORT OF U. S. INITIATIVES ON KIDNAPPING AND TERRORISM AT THE 1972 UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HIS YOUTH AND DYNAMISM SHOULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. RUSH

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